

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The secondary of claim [[3]] 7, wherein each of the deflection members is a drum.
5. (Currently amended) The secondary of claim [[3]] 7, wherein each of the deflection members is a roller.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) [[The]] A secondary [[of claim 3]] for an electric linear motor, [[and further]] comprising:
 - a carrier including electrically and/or magnetic driving elements;
 - a cover for shielding the carrier;
 - a support unit supporting the cover for movement relative to the carrier,
 - wherein the support unit includes at least two deflection members, said
 - cover being trained over the deflection members; and
 - a drive member operatively connected to at least one of the deflection members for moving the cover.

8. (Currently amended) [[The]] A secondary [[of claim 5]] for an electric linear motor, [[and further]] comprising:

a carrier including electrically and/or magnetic driving elements;

a flexible continuous band in surrounding relationship to the carrier for shielding the carrier;

a support unit supporting the continuous band for movement relative to the carrier; and

a wiper element sweeping across a surface of the continuous band.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The linear motor of claim [[9]] 17, wherein the cover is a flexible continuous band, said support unit including at least two deflection members for guiding the continuous band.

11. (Currently amended) [[The]] A linear motor [[of claim 10]], comprising:

a rotor as primary; and

a secondary spaced from the rotor to define an air gap therebetween for interaction between the rotor and the secondary, said secondary including a carrier with electrically and/or magnetic driving elements, a flexible continuous band for shielding the carrier, and a support unit supporting the continuous band for movement relative to the carrier and including at least two deflection members for guiding the continuous band, wherein the deflection members are disposed in relation to a movement direction of the

rotor to a side of the carrier.

12. (Currently amended) The linear motor of claim ~~[[10]]~~ 11, wherein the deflection members are disposed in relation to a movement direction of the rotor on both ends of the carrier.

13. (Currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A linear motor ~~[[of claim 10]]~~, comprising:
a rotor as primary; and
a secondary spaced from the rotor to define an air gap therebetween for interaction between the rotor and the secondary, said secondary including a carrier with electrically and/or magnetic driving elements, a flexible continuous band for shielding the carrier, and a support unit supporting the continuous band for movement relative to the carrier and including at least two deflection members for guiding the continuous band, wherein the band is secured to the rotor.

14. (Currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A linear motor ~~[[of claim 9]]~~, comprising:
a rotor as primary; and
a secondary spaced from the rotor to define an air gap therebetween for interaction between the rotor and the secondary, said secondary including a carrier with electrically and/or magnetic driving elements, a cover for shielding the carrier, and a support unit supporting the cover for movement relative to the carrier, wherein the cover is a flexible continuous band having

one end secured to the rotor, said support unit including two deflection drums guiding the cover and disposed in relation to a movement direction of the rotor on both ends of the carrier.

15. (Currently amended) [[The]] A linear motor [[of claim 9]], comprising:

a rotor as primary; and

a secondary spaced from the rotor to define an air gap therebetween for interaction between the rotor and the secondary, said secondary including a carrier with electrically and/or magnetic driving elements, a cover for shielding the carrier, and a support unit supporting the cover for movement relative to the carrier, wherein the cover has two cover portions, each of which having one end secured to one end of the carrier and another end secured to the rotor.

16. (Original) The linear motor of claim 15, wherein each cover portion is constructed for folding in movement direction of the rotor.

17. (Currently amended) [[The]] A linear motor [[of claim 9]], comprising:

a rotor as primary; and

a secondary spaced from the rotor to define an air gap therebetween for interaction between the rotor and the secondary, said secondary including a carrier with electrically and/or magnetic driving elements, a cover for shielding the carrier, and a support unit supporting the cover for movement

relative to the carrier, wherein the cover includes electrical lines for feeding the rotor.

18. (Currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A linear motor ~~[[of claim 9]], [[and further]]~~ comprising:

a rotor as primary;

a secondary spaced from the rotor to define an air gap therebetween for interaction between the rotor and the secondary, said secondary including a carrier with electrically and/or magnetic driving elements, a cover for shielding the carrier, and a support unit supporting the cover for movement relative to the carrier; and

a wiper element for sweeping a surface of the cover.

19. (Original) The linear motor of claim 18, wherein the wiper element is secured to the rotor.
20. (Original) The linear motor of claim 18, wherein the wiper element is secured stationary relative to the carrier.
21. (New) The linear motor of claim 10, wherein the deflection members are disposed in relation to a movement direction of the rotor on both ends of the carrier.

22. (New) The linear motor of claim 18, wherein the cover is a flexible continuous band, said support unit including at least two deflection members for guiding the continuous band.
23. (New) The linear motor of claim 22, wherein the deflection members are disposed in relation to a movement direction of the rotor on both ends of the carrier.